



What is Rise Above?

Rise Above is a community based student leadership group offering high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills by hosting a variety of events for their school and community. Rise Above is funded, in part, by a federal grant for the prevention of underage drinking and is a sub-group of the Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC).

What activities does Rise Above sponsor?

Rise Above members worked with Youth Services the last two summers to offer a leadership camp for Ellington's 5th and 6th grade students called *Finding the Leader in Me*. Along with its well known dodge ball tournaments for Ellington's middle school and high school, the group has sponsored Billiard Night, Game Night, EMS Movie Night as well as the community events Fall Festival and Kid's Fair. This past spring Rise Above teamed up with EHS drama club, OKP, to present *Small Town, Big Talent Community Variety Show* to benefit injured EHS student, Troy Russell.

Can anyone join Rise Above?

Rise Above welcomes high school students from Ellington interested in taking on leadership roles and running events in the community. Meetings are held every second Wednesday at the Ellington Senior Center on 16 Church Street at 7 pm.

For more information on meeting dates, please visit our website at BeTheChange.ellington-ct.gov or contact Advisor Kathy Larew at klarew@comcast.net or Deborah Stauffer, Prevention Coordinator, at Ellington Youth Services at 860-870-3130 or dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov. You can also find Rise Above on Facebook.